

Dear Alan,

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Thanks for the update on efforts to amend FOIA.

I fear that for all their experience the ACLU people are naive. The CIA will interpret their amendment as an immunity bath. And get away with it.

Just as I sat down to write you my wife called to let me know that we are without water! A running toilet, just fixed for the umpteenth time, exhausted our well, so I await the plumbers, who were about to quit for the day.

My friend Bruce Berger did ask his son Henry if he recalled any relevant records in the Rosenthal archive and he doesn't.

My recollection of the official acknowledgement of the existence of CIA stations in the cities you list is not clear, except for Mexico City, which the CIA has admitted in FOIA disclosures. It may have admitted others, but I'm not certain. However, here is where the books it approved about which I wrote earlier is helpful to you, as well as the transcript of the Phillips deposition in the Freed case. (I have Jim's copy. My wife hasn't finished reading it.) The CIA was present to prevent unauthorized disclosures. I'm pretty sure that it and his approved book include Mexico City, London (as do several other books) Paris, Madrid and Lisbon. Yes, with great detail, on Ciudad Trujillo. And Smith's book probably includes them and others.

It seems to me that if you can show that it was aware of official disclosure, even indirectly, it might have some impact on the judge.

And the authorized books do this. Have you checked the so-called "The Real CIA?"

Please excuse the haste,